

In September 2010, an asbestos re-inspection of Building 20 was conducted by MC Consulting Inc. (MC2). The asbestos re-inspection was conducted by an Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Licensed Asbestos Building Inspector, Roberto Rivera (IDPH License No. 100-06327). A copy of the inspector's license is provided in the Appendix.

Prior to the field inspection, the following document was reviewed.

- * 2006 asbestos re-inspection for Building 20.

The 2010 asbestos re-inspection was performed on the basis of the 2006 re-inspection information. The following was observed.

- * During MC2's visual re-inspection of Building 20, no new building materials were observed since the last re-inspection.
- * Overall, suspect asbestos-containing materials (ACM) remained in good condition at the time of the inspection.
- * Asbestos pipe insulation is likely to be concealed behind walls, within suspended or plaster ceilings, or in other inconspicuous locations throughout the building.
- * The findings of the 2010 re-inspection are summarized in the 2010 reevaluation tables.

Abatement History:

The information collected from the existing abatement reports revealed that the following asbestos abatement was conducted at Building 20.

- * Asbestos-containing floor tile and mastic were removed in the Motor Pool Office under negative air pressure; the removal was performed in April 2008.

Floor Tile

The 12" x 12" and 9" x 9" floor tiles and mastic were in good condition at the time of the inspection. These materials were found to contain asbestos according to previous reports, and may be accessible to building occupants and maintenance personnel. It is recommended that the Hines VA continue to monitor the condition of these materials under an Operation and Maintenance Program. The materials can remain in place until major renovation or demolition requires their removal.

Pipe Insulation

Asbestos pipe insulation and associated fittings were in good condition at the time of the inspection. These materials were found to contain asbestos according to previous reports. These materials may be accessible to building occupants and maintenance personnel. Suspect ACMs are likely to be concealed behind walls, within suspended or plaster ceilings, or in other inconspicuous locations throughout the building. These materials can remain in place until major renovation or demolition requires their removal.

General Recommendations

The Hines VA should continue to follow its Asbestos Management Plan's Operation and Maintenance Program. It is also recommended that Hines VA prepare an Asbestos Removal Project Design prior to initiating any renovation activities in which ACM may be impacted. The asbestos design plan and specifications should be prepared and signed by an IDPH-licensed Asbestos Project Designer in accordance with IDPH and federal regulations. Asbestos abatement work should be conducted by a licensed abatement contractor under the supervision of a licensed Asbestos Project Manager, in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.